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## Language Access Important Component of Mayor's "Opportunity For All" Priority

In recent months, OLA has met continuously with District Agency Directors and their Spanish Program Coordinators to find solutions to the Latino community's need for language access to agency services and programs, as part of the Language Access Pilot Program (LAPP).

"The LAPP is thriving under the leadership of Deputy Mayor of Operations, Herb Tillery, but OLA still has it's mission to fulfill, so we must investigate all available avenues of outreach to ensure language access," Christia Alou, Interim Director of OLA, said.

Mayor Anthony A. Williams' Administration makes "Opportunity for All" a major priority for this term. Language ac-

cess and economic development are the issues most affected by the Mayor's priorities within the Latino and other immigrant communities of Washington DC. In

an effort to advance the Mayor's priorities, OLA and OAPIA are co-hosting a Bilingual Job Fair (see related story below) to increase the access and the diversity of the District government's work force.

Also, the DC Workforce Investment Council (WIC) has partnered with Mayor Williams, the District Chamber of Commerce, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government, and

the District's Department of Employment Services to advance economic growth for District residents. (continued on page 2)



## OLA/OAPIA Job Fair to Recruit Bilingual Professionals for DC Agencies

Continuing their efforts to ensure public services for non-English speaking District residents, the Executive Office of the Mayor, Office on Latino Affairs (OLA) and Office on Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA), in collaboration with the DC Office of Personnel (DCOP), is hosting a Bilingual Job Fair to show case all available positions within DC Government.

The Bilingual Job Fair is part of an ongoing language access program co-founded by OLA and OAPIA to ensure services for Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

residents in the District by recruiting qualified bilingual professionals to serve constituents in every District Agency.

The Bilingual Job Fair will feature representatives from all DC Agencies, such as the Department of Employment Services (DOES), the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (FEMS), and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) will be held in the Frank D. Reeves Center at 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, on Friday, March 27, 2003 from 12pm to 6pm.

### Notices & Events:

- **March 7—OLA's FREE STD/HIV Bilingual Health Fair, Reeves Center, 2000 14th St. NW, First Floor Lobby, 4pm—8pm**
- **March 8—OLA Oversight Hearing.** Citizens are invited voice to their questions, concerns or praise of OLA on the record before the DC City Council. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 500, 8am—5pm
- **March 12—Latino CBO Funding Development Roundtable.** All Latino Community-based Organizations are invited to participate in OLA's latest outreach campaign providing grant writing training and assistance. Reeves Center, 2000 14th St. NW, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 2-4pm
- **March 19—Bilingual Emergency Preparedness Meeting.** Spanish and API translation will be available at this meeting designed to brief DC residents on designed emergency routes and proper precautions in the event of a terrorist attack. Reeves Center, 2000 14th St. NW, 1st Floor Lobby.
- **March 27—Bilingual Job Fair, Reeves Center, 2000 14th St. NW, First Floor Lobby, 12pm—6pm**
- **May 10—Mayor's Crime Forum Follow-Up** to address the issue raised at the initial forum and discuss the progress made since then.



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Alou is an active member of the DC WIC Credentialing Team and its Ad Hoc Committee on Latino Community Development to secure future job opportunities for Latino and other LEP communities.

"Language access for LEP residents is now a main concern for DC's Agency Directors and their support has made it easier to meet the language access goals Mayor Williams' Administration and I are working toward this year and throughout this term," Alou said.

## OLA to Address Importance of Equal Access to Services at Oversight Hearing

The continued need to ensure that DC's Latino residents have equal access to education, training, employment, housing and health services will be at the forefront of discussion when OLA Interim Director, Christia Alou, appears before the Subcommittee on Human Rights, Asian and Pacific Islanders, Latino Affairs and Property Management on March 8, 2003 for the OLA Oversight Hearing.

Alou will enumerate the ways in which OLA works to assure equal access to services and programs through daily outreach efforts, through the coordination of community events, such as OLA's STD/HIV Health Fair on March 7, the Bilingual Emer-

gency Preparedness Meeting on March 19, and OLA/OAPIA Bilingual Job Fair on March 27. Alou will also discuss how OLA also helps develop educational and employment opportunities through the Latino Community Education Grant, which distributed \$1M in funds to Latino Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in Fiscal Year 2003, and through OLA's newest initiative, a monthly CBO Funding Development Roundtable open to all Latino CBOs.

OLA's Oversight Hearing will be led by Councilmember Jim Graham and will be take place in the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 5th Floor, from 8 am to 5 pm.



## Employment & Scholarship Opportunities

- The Department of Agriculture, Departmental Administration seeks an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SPECIALIST (Announcement Number: CR-03-10). The position is a GS0360-14/14 level with a salary range of \$80,690-\$104,900 per year and a promotion potential of GS-14. The position is located in Washington, DC and is open to current Federal employees serving under a career or career conditional appointment, former Federal employees with reinstatement eligibility, or persons eligible for non-competitive appointment under Special Authorities. Applications may be submitted online at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov). The closing date for the position is March 7, 2003.
- The National Education Association is seeking an NEA PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE, ACCOUNTING in the Business & Finance Department. The position is NEA S05 ranked with a salary of \$46,818-\$82,393 annually. Applicants should have a BA in accounting and 4 years experience. Interested parties should apply online at [www.nea.org/jobs](http://www.nea.org/jobs) or send a resume via email to [nea.rpc.webhire.com](mailto:nea.rpc.webhire.com) by the close of business on March 14, 2003.
- Scholarships for Latino students can now be found online at: *The Hispanic College Fund*, [www.hispanicfund.org/scholar](http://www.hispanicfund.org/scholar)  
*American Association of Hispanic CPA's Scholarships*, [www.aahcpa.org/scholar](http://www.aahcpa.org/scholar)  
*Research Program for Women & Minorities Underrepresented in the Sciences*, [www.research.att.com/academid/urp](http://www.research.att.com/academid/urp)  
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